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STATEMENT BY WITNESS.

DOCUMENT NO. W.S. 1414.

Witness

Maurice Moynihan,  
Government Buildings,  
Dublin.

Identity.

Secretary to the Government.

Subject.

Peace Moves by the British Government  
and others, 1920-1921.

Conditions, if any, Stipulated by Witness.

Nil.

File No S. 17.

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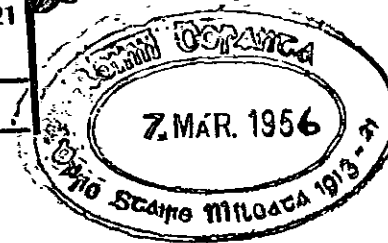
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NO. W.S. 1,414



BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH  
DUBLIN

7 Márta, 1956.



Dear McDunphy,

With reference to your letter No. S.17 of the 9th ultimo and previous correspondence regarding the files about the Peace Moves of 1920-21, I now enclose a list, in duplicate, of the files in this Department which contain papers dealing with the matters mentioned in the enclosure to your letter dated the 2nd ultimo.

We do not appear to have any papers about item No.6 in the enclosure to that letter, i.e., the Meeting of Mr. de Valéra and Sir James Craig in Dublin on the 4th May, 1921, beyond the record of Mr. de Valéra's brief reference to the matter in his statement to the Dáil on the 10th May 1921 which is contained in the printed Dáil Minutes of Proceedings, 1919-1921, at page 292. With regard to item No.8, i.e., the Meeting of Mr. de Valéra with Southern Unionists on the 4th-8th July 1921, we have nothing on record except what is contained in the printed document entitled Official Correspondence relating to the Peace Negotiations, June-September, 1921, which was issued by the Dáil in October, 1921.

As regards the Department of Finance documents referred to in your minute No.S.2680 of the 4th ultimo, I am enclosing a copy of a minute I sent them about these documents on the 11th ultimo. As soon as we receive their reply, I will let you know what they have to say.

*see file  
S. 2680.*

Yours sincerely,

M. McDunphy, Esq.,  
Director,  
Bureau of Military History, 1913-21,  
26, Westland Row,  
DUBLIN.

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11 Feabhra, 1956.

An Rúnai,  
An Roinn Airgeadais.

I am to state that the Director of the Bureau of Military History proposes to include among the archives of the Bureau lists of certain documents in official custody which have a bearing on the various aspects of the historical investigation that has been entrusted to the Bureau.

In this connexion, the Director states that he understands that there are, or were at one time, in the Department of Finance correspondence and other documents relating to fees paid to counsel, etc., for appearances and other legal assistance on behalf of members of the Irish Republican Army and other national organisations, both in Dublin and in London and perhaps in the House of Lords, during the years prior to the Anglo-Irish Treaty of the 6th December, 1921. It would be appreciated if you would be so good as to let me have, for transmission to the Director, three copies of a list of any files or other documents dealing with the matters to which he refers that are now in the custody of your Department.

I might add that this Department is supplying the Director, in response to his request, with lists of certain files and other documents that are in the custody of this Department.

M. Ó MUIBHNEACHAIN

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Files relating to certain Peace Moves during Anglo-Irish  
War, 1920-1921.

<u>File No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Matters dealt with</u>
D.234	Anglo-Irish War, 1920-21: Peace Overtures (abortive), March-December, 1920.	Archbishop Clune, of Perth, Australia: Visit to Ireland following interview with D. Lloyd George, British Prime Minister, December, 1920.  Galway County Council: Resolution, 3rd December, 1920.  Father Michael O'Flanagan: Telegram to British Prime Minister, (?5) December, 1920.
D.251	Peace Overtures: Moylett- Steele Negotiations, Oct.- Dec., 1920.	Negotiations for peace (unofficial) conducted by Patrick Moylett (Galway) and John Steele (Representative of <u>The Chicago Tribune</u> ), Oct., 1920-May, 1921.
S.15622	Earl of Derby: Visit to President de Valéra, Dublin, 21st April, 1921.	Discussion between Lord Derby and President de Valéra and subsequent negotiations conducted through the Rev. Father James Hughes, Liverpool.
<p><u>Note:</u> References to Lord Derby's visit are contained also on file No. D.1 (Correspondence between Cabinet Secretary, President and Others, 1 April, 1921 - 31 May, 1921), and on file No. D.364 (Peace Overtures (Abortive): Miscellaneous attempts at mediation, Mar.-May, 1921).</p>		
D.262	Peace Overtures: Casement- Smuts Negotiations, May- December, 1921.	Visit to Dublin of General Smuts, June, 1921; and Correspondence and discussions between General Smuts and Tom Casement, May, 1921- September, 1923.

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NO. W.S. 1.4.14

S.17.

9th February, 1956.

M. Moynihan, Esq.,  
Secretary to the Government.

Dear Moynihan,

With reference to your letter of 7th instant, S.14133, I think that your suggestion with regard to the files about the peace moves of 1920-1921 and fees paid to counsel for legal assistance prior to the Treaty of 1921, is a very good one and will meet our requirements.

I would be very glad to have a list of the relevant files in your custody and in the Department of Finance on these subjects.

Your suggestion, indeed, sets a useful headline for any other cases of this nature in which there may be records extant in Government departments, and one which will save us a considerable amount of trouble.

Yours sincerely,

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(M. McDunphy)

DIRECTOR.

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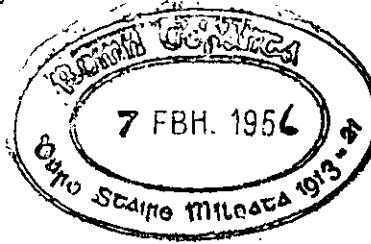
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BAILE ÁTHA CLIATH  
DUBLIN

7 Feabhra, 1956.



Dear McDunphy,

I have your letter dated the 2nd instant regarding our files about the Peace Moves of 1920-1921.

These files are already safely in State custody, and it seems, therefore, unnecessary, for the purposes for which the Bureau was established, to have in the Bureau's records either the originals or copies of the documents contained in the files. Might I suggest, accordingly, that a note in the Bureau's records of the existence and whereabouts of such documents should be sufficient for your purposes? We would, of course, gladly make available to you a list of our relevant files for your records.

Similarly, we would propose to ask the Department of Finance to let us have, for your records, a list of any files that they may have on the subject of your minute No. S.2680 of the 4th instant relating to fees paid to counsel, etc. for legal assistance rendered to members of the Irish Republican Army and other national organizations prior to the Treaty of 1921.

I might add that I have discussed this matter with the Taoiseach, who entirely agrees with the foregoing views and suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

M. McDunphy, Esq.,  
Director,  
Bureau of Military History, 1913-21,  
26, Westland Row,  
DUBLIN.

*A copy of this letter has been placed on file D.2680 - Trials of I.R.A. etc., Legal Coun.*

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2 February 1956.

Dear Moynihan,

Part of the history of the period which is being investigated by the Bureau is the series of approaches made by or on behalf of the British Government in 1920 and 1921 to Irish leaders with a view to seeing if some settlement could not be arranged and meetings and discussions by persons in and from Ireland, to the same end, and the reactions of Irish leaders to these various developments.

I am aware that there are files in the Department of the Taoiseach which contain a good deal of material regarding some, at least, of these developments, and I wonder if it would be possible to make them available to the Bureau, either by way of presentation as part of the documentary evidence of the time, or on loan with permission to make copies and/or photostats, or, alternatively, if certified copies of the documents could be given to the Bureau.

The evidence so far collected by the Bureau on these important events is very incomplete and is unlikely to be increased by personal testimony as most of the people who took part are now dead.

If the evidence which the Bureau is to have on record for historians is not to be seriously defective in this regard, it is essential that it should have access to the very important and probably unique information which is on record in your Department.

A list of the moves in question is enclosed for reference.

Yours sincerely,

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(M. McDunphy) DIRECTOR.

M. Moynihan, Esq.,  
Secretary to the Government.

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PEACE MOVES - 1920-21.

1. Patrick Moylett of Galway and John Steele (representative of the Chicago Tribune) - Discussions in London. November 1920.
  2. Visit to Ireland of Archbishop Clune of Perth, Australia, following an interview with Lloyd George. December 1920.
  3. Telegram from Father O'Flanagan, Vice President of Sinn Féin, to Lloyd George. 5 December 1920.
  4. Resolution by the Galway County Council. 3 December 1920.
  5. Visit to Ireland of Lord Derby. 25 April 1921.
  6. Meeting of Mr. de Valera and Sir James Craig in Dublin. 4 May 1921.
  7. Visit to Ireland of General Smuts. June 1921.
  8. Meeting of Mr. de Valera with Southern Unionists (Lord Midleton, Sir Robert Woods, Sir Maurice Dockrell and Andrew Jamison in Dublin). 4-8 July 1921.
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